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1. On 12 February 1948, ten days prior to the crisis in Czechoslovakia, Lt. Col. Parshin of the Soviet Army ordered the Czechoslovak military depots to deliver arms, ammunition and signal equipment to "anti-Fascist civil security centers" called "UTOK", or "U" for short. This order was given in anticipation of an offensive action "by reactionary and Fascist elements".
2. Parshin's orders were carried out by Col. Kristov, liaison officer between the Soviet cell and the Czechoslovak Ministries for the Interior and for National Defense.
3. By 17 February about half of the arms and ammunition and sixty-three percent of the signal equipment had been handed over.
4. In order to insure that the action would run smoothly, additional Soviet officers were assigned to the operation of "UTOK". These were Major B. A. Solovnin at Brno, Guards Captain V. I. Failov at Moravska Ostrava, Guards Major A. A. Pozniakov at Pilsen, Major F. M. Krozovin at Bratislava and 1st Lt. P. L. Pavlovich at Liberec. All these officers were sent to their respective stations in mufti, and were accompanied by officers of the Czechoslovak Security Troops under the control of the Ministry for the Interior. These officers belong to a group of thirty-one officers who have been "convalescing" for three weeks at Smokovec (Q50/D69), in northern Slovakia, and who came to Prague on completion of the "cure" on 13 February. Five of them have since left for Budapest and the other twenty-six have remained in Prague.

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